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BENTON, MISSOURI

Sunday is a day of rest for the men and a day for women to wash their hair.

Of course, it had to be a man from Kansas who refused a seat in the United States senate.

The regulations were quite willing to be bounced when King Peter tackled a pension to the bouncer.

Happy thought for Uncle Sam—set the Central American revolutionists at work digging the Panama canal.

The trouble with a good many people who hope for the best is that they are always ready to believe the worst.

A statesman is wanted in Russia. But the difficulty in the supply is that when they get one they don't keep him.

The American hen points with pride to the fact that, while her product may be sold abroad, it can not be adulterated.

The fact that Sarah Bernhardt cleaned up \$200,000 on her last farewell tour is ominous of the danger of another.

The trouble is the Bank of England won't discount the apologies of the Sultan, and another ultimatum is being prepared.

"Damnation Alley," in existence in Boston for 215 years, has been closed by order of the council and the Bostonese are driven elsewhere for relief words.

Really, congress could bring itself to adjourn if it really made up its mind to the plunge back into obscurity. And then there are so many fences really in need of repair.

If President Mouravitch has occasion to communicate with the czar and from the czar to the duma, he will be wise if he will eschew the telephone in the light of what happened to Senator Lodge.

In advising the sweet girl graduates of Washington to "keep their eyes on the stars," President Roosevelt made a mistake. He ought to have suggested to them that it would be a good thing to keep an eye on the clock.

The ever burning question: "What shall we do with our boys?" seems to be satisfactorily answered in the following advertisement, which appears in the window of a Farrington road butcher's shop: "Wanted, a respectable boy for beef sausage."

Massachusetts is deeply depressed over the fact that one of her legislators has been detected selling his vote for \$50. But whether the depression is because of the guilt or because of the price is not altogether clear.

Culture, to some foolish young men and women, means a language and superior contempt for all except a few choice things. In reality, culture means the power of full and delicate appreciation, and the more widely cultured a man is, the more things he knows how to appreciate.

Just 152 captains of full-rigged ships have been born in Newport, Me., or have lived in that town while in command of their vessels. The largest ship in the list was the May Flint, which had a gross tonnage of 3,283 tons. The smallest was the Victoria, 600 tons. Seaport's banner year in shipping was 1855.

The signal corps of the United States army is photographing San Francisco's ruins from balloons. A series of pictures is being taken to be kept on the file by the war department in Washington. Several hundred have already been taken of the different buildings and an order sent for three balloons, so that a complete picture of the city can be had.

The Alkin law, which increased the nation tax to \$100 per annum, closed between 15 and 25 per cent. of the saloons of the state of Ohio out of the net and it is estimated that as many more will quit before the second installment falls due. As a saloon-closer, the Alkin law seems to have the bulk on the Beall and Jones laws, even though it was not approved by the Anti-Saloon league.

While paying a visit to a friend residing in this country, an American gentleman got into conversation with a youngster who displayed a most absorbing and flattering interest in his native land. "I'm sure it's pleasant to be told there are not rattlesnakes in all the gardens," said the youngster with a smile, "but my cousin wrote not long ago that he had seen forty wigwags in one little village. Perhaps," he added, "the American made no immediate reply. 'The wigwags are not so venomous as rattlesnakes, are they?'"

Speaking of summer picnics, it is well to have the affair a subscription one, the subscription in every case taking the form of some contribution to the general feast. Call a little meeting in advance and let each person say what he or she desires to contribute. One person may choose ribs, another sandwiches, another lemons and sugar, another coffee, others cakes, pickles and relishes. This is much pleasanter and more social than the piea sometimes adopted of having each person bring with him a separate lunch, on which he dines in solitary state.

In forming a chemical compound corresponding to the viscous fluid out of which silkworm spins his delicate thread, the French chemists found, strangely enough, that the best substitute was a solution of gun-cotton, which also serves as the basis for the most powerful and deadly of modern explosives. To what extent this gun-cotton silk is relieved of its explosive qualities before being woven into laces and dress fabrics, seems to be a somewhat questionable. Certainly a gown worn in gun-cotton would be a formidable, if not dangerous, object.

CUT LOOSE NOW AND DIG! DIG!

PRESIDENT'S ORDERS TO THE CANAL COMMISSION.

DIRT WILL BEGIN TO FLY

These Results Will Follow the Adoption By Both Houses of Congress of the Lock Type For the Panama Canal.

With the vote of the senate, Thursday, in favor of the lock type of canal across the isthmus of Panama, following similar action by the house, the type of canal is practically settled and work can now proceed upon a definite basis.

Washington, D. C.—"Cut loose, now, and build the canal. The American people want results on the isthmus, as soon as they can be obtained and I want them. Dig, dig. Congress and the people are behind us in our efforts."

Within 48 hours after the completion of the Panama canal legislation, President Roosevelt will issue in effect, the above order to Chairman Shonts and Chief Engineer Stevens.

The President Gratified.

The president expressed great gratification at the action of the senate in supporting his plan for a lock canal. He has been convinced for several days that the lock type would be adopted. A careful canvass of the senate had been made and he was assured that there would be a safe majority in favor of the lock type, which he has advocated since the report of the engineers' commission was received.

The Opposing Senators.

It was pointed out at the White House that practically the same senators who voted against the lock canal project also were opposed to the Panama treaty, and so recorded their votes.

"The president regards the vote of congress on the lock type of canal as a vote of confidence. Orders will be issued in a few days to push the work as rapidly as possible, and it is announced that before the summer is far advanced as many men and as much machinery as can be profitably employed will be making the dirt fly."

Will Give Impetus to Work.

Secretary Taft and Chairman Shonts of the canal commission were also greatly pleased at the outcome of the struggle in the senate. For the past two weeks they have been exerting all their influence with individual senators to get them to favor the lock type of canal.

Upon being advised of the result of the vote, Mr. Shonts called on Secretary Taft and began to discuss plans for the prosecution of the work. It was decided that the whole commission should start for the isthmus at an early moment and that Chief Engineer Stevens should accompany it. The steamer Panama will sail Thursday next from New York, and on it the commissioners will embark.

ST. LOUIS BRIDGE BILL READY FOR SIGNATURE

Washington, D. C.—The senate passed the St. Louis free bridge bill at 12:10 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

The house bill was reported to the senate by the committee on commerce Thursday morning with a recommendation that it be amended to grant the right of eminent domain in Missouri and Illinois to the city of St. Louis for the purpose of locating the bridge and necessary approaches and terminals and that the bill so amended be passed.

The bill was called up by Senator Stone at noon, and was passed, with the eminent domain amendment, in ten minutes.

The House Concurred.

Washington, D. C.—The house concurred in the senate amendment to the bill authorizing the city of St. Louis to build a bridge across the Mississippi river. This action passes the bill.

MANY MINERS PLACED IN PERIL.

Seventy-Five Men Narrowly Escaped Suffocation in a Colorado Mine.

Lafayette, Col.—Over seventy-five miners employed in the Industrial mine property at Superior had a narrow escape from suffocation Thursday morning, when fire destroyed the shaft house, hoisting apparatus and tipples at the mine.

An alarm was given as soon as the flames were discovered, all the men escaped through the airshaft.

Homeless Chinese Going Home.

San Francisco, Cal.—The Pacific mail line steamer Korea sailed for the orient, carrying about 500 destitute Chinese rendered homeless by the big fire, who are going back to China at the expense of the Chinese government.

St. Louis' Good Score.

Indianapolis, Ind.—Frank E. Rogers, of St. Louis, won the first prize in the Grand American hand-caps, Thursday, with a score of 94 targets out of a possible 100, shooting from the 17-yard line.

Washington, D. C.—Mr. Bermudez, June 23.—Mr. Bermudez, the Uruguayan chargé, was advised, Thursday, by Secretary Root, that Dr. Luis Melian Lafaur, who is to be appointed minister to the United States by the Uruguayan government, is acceptable.

Yellow Fever at Port Limon.

New Orleans.—The actual presence of one case of yellow fever at Port Limon, Costa Rica, is officially reported by the Louisiana state board of health.

OF IMPORTANCE TO TRAVELERS

FOR REGULATION OF CHECKING PASSENGERS' BAGGAGE.

BILL PASSED BY THE HOUSE

Common Carriers Engaged in Interstate Commerce Must Check Baggage to Destination On Transportation Offered.

Washington, D. C.—A bill of great importance both to the railroads and to the traveling public was passed, Wednesday, by the house, under suspension of the rules, regulating the checking of baggage by common carriers. The bill compels common carriers engaged in interstate commerce to check baggage to its destination on transportation offered, whether in the form of what is known as "split tickets" or a regular form of ticket on one line and a mileage or other ticket on another line, to the destination of the baggage. The bill is intended to overcome the practice of roads which now refuse to check baggage to its destination where a ticket to the junction point or termination of one road is offered and a mileage book or other transportation on the connecting road to the destination of the baggage is offered. The bill makes a refusal on the part of the railroads to carry out its terms a misdemeanor and provides a penalty for its infraction.

THE PEOPLE WILL PAY.

Bill to Pay President's Traveling Expenses Passed by House.

Washington, D. C.—The bill appropriating \$25,000 to defray the traveling expenses of the president for the next fiscal year was called up under suspension of the rules, Wednesday, in the house by Mr. Tawney, of Minnesota, chairman of the appropriation committee. The sundry civil bill carried an item appropriating \$25,000 for the traveling expenses of the president, which went out on a point of order. Mr. Watson, of Indiana, then in the chair, and who sustained the point of order against the item, introduced the bill which the house had under consideration.

Mr. Underwood, of Alabama, demanded a second, which was ordered, and a debate of 40 minutes ensued, the measure being warmly advocated by Mr. Cochran, of New York, on the democratic side.

The bill was passed, 175 to 68.

BUT LITTLE HOPE FOR IVENS.

Illinois Supreme Court Refuses to Interfere in Case of Bessie Hollister's Murderer.

Springfield, Ill.—The state supreme court Wednesday denied a writ of superseas to Richard Ivens, sentenced to hang in Chicago next Friday for the murder of Frank C. Hollister.

The decision said there was nothing to show that Ivens had been unduly influenced to make the confession, and that the evidence warranted the verdict of the jury. Ivens' attorney announced an intention to take the case to Gov. Deneen.

Taken to Board of Pardons.

Springfield, Ill.—The state supreme court, Wednesday, refused to grant a writ of superseas to Ivens. Attorney I. W. Foltz took the case to the state board of pardons, instead of to Gov. Deneen, and asked the board to commute the death sentence to life imprisonment. The board will hear the case this morning.

STEP NEARER DEATH FOR BARRINGTON

Jefferson City, Mo.—The state supreme court in banc, Wednesday afternoon, overruled the motion for a rehearing filed by "Lord" F. Seymour Barrington, sentenced to hang at Clayton, July 26, for the murder of James P. McNamee.

Unless he can get his case transferred to the circuit court of the United States or the governor interposes, Barrington will be hanged next month.

A GREAT IRRIGATION PROJECT.

It is Designed to Reclaim a Tract of 120,000 Acres of Wyoming Land.

Omaha, Neb.—James W. Gregory, a St. Joseph (Mo.) millionaire, will advance money to launch and carry through a \$1,000,000 irrigation project in Wyoming, which will reclaim about 120,000 acres south of Meeteetse, in Big Horn county. It includes a tunnel through the mountains and a dam 175 feet high.

Dual Use of Single Wire.

Denver, Col.—An interesting demonstration of the simultaneous use of a single wire both for telegraphing and for telephoning was given at the twenty-fifth annual convention of the Association of Railway Telegraph Superintendents.

Four Men Drowned.

Phidalephia, Pa.—A naphtha launch containing six men who were on a fishing trip capsized in the Delaware river north of this city, Wednesday evening, and four of the men were drowned.

Suicide of a Domestic.

St. Louis.—Miss Annie Wittkoetter, 19 years old, a servant in the employ of A. A. Poland, of 1334 Union boulevard, swallowed a fatal draught of carbolic acid Wednesday afternoon. No reason is known for the suicide.

To Be Presented To the Emperor.

Kiel, Germany.—Frederick W. Whitridge, who was special ambassador of the United States to the wedding of King Alfonso and Queen Victoria, will arrive here today for presentation to Emperor William.

TO PROSECUTE STANDARD OIL CO.

ATTY-GEN. MOODY DECLARES HIS INTENTION TO DO SO.

THE PROCEDURE OUTLINED

Action First Under the Elkins Law Prohibiting Rebates, and Later, Probably, Under the Sherman Anti-Trust Law.

Washington, D. C.—Formal announcement of the purpose of the government to prosecute the Standard Oil Co. was made, Friday, by Attorney General Moody. It appears from his statement that the proceedings in the first instance will be had under the terms of the Elkins law, which prohibits rebates in interstate commerce. The attorney general, however, gives notice that in all probability, should the investigation be still making justly, he will bring further action against the Standard Oil Co. under the terms of the Sherman anti-trust law, and also will take steps to insure against the continuance on the part of the company of discriminations in trade and transportation not now subject to prosecution under existing law, but especially provided against in the pending rate bill. The attorney general's statement follows:

Att'y-Gen. Moody's Statement.

"After full consideration of all the information now available, including the report of the commissioner of corporations and the evidence taken by the interstate commerce commission, I have reached the conclusion that criminal proceedings against the Standard Oil Co. should be begun in certain cases where there appears to have been a violation of the laws regulating interstate commerce and prohibiting rebates and other unlawful discriminations."

Will Continue Investigation.

"I shall continue the investigation of the affairs of the Standard Oil Co., and of such complaints as have been or may be brought to the attention of this department, with the view of ascertaining whether or not there has been any violation of the anti-trust act or of any other federal law."

"The course of action I have stated has received the approval of the president and all the members of the cabinet."

REBATEES SENTENCED AT KANSAS CITY, MO.

Kansas City, Mo.—In the United States district court in this city, Friday, Judge Smith McPherson, of Red Oak, Ia., passed sentence upon the five defendants recently convicted in this court of making concessions and accepting and conspiring to accept rebates on shipments. Fines of \$15,000 each were assessed against the defendants—Swift & Co., Cashley Packing Co., the Armour Packing Co., Nelson Morris & Co. and the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railway.

George L. Thomas, of New York, was fined \$5,000, and sentenced to four months in the penitentiary. L. B. Tazgart, of New York, was fined \$4,000 and sentenced to three months in the penitentiary.

Appeals were filed in each case, and a stay of execution was granted until June 29, until they can be perfected.

RICHARD IVENS HANGED FOR HOLLISTER MURDER

Chicago.—Richard Ivens, the murderer of Mrs. Bessie Hollister, the choir singer, was hanged here at 11:02 o'clock Friday morning.

The condemned man, until he stood on the drop, faced death in the same stolid manner in which he had conducted himself since his arrest. When he stepped on the scaffold, however, much of his courage failed him.

Just before the cap was drawn over his face he attempted to utter a prayer, but, although his lips moved convulsively, his voice would not respond and he was silent.

It was evident that he was on the verge of a complete collapse and the sheriff hastened the last details as much as possible.

FIRE AT GOLCONDA, ILLINOIS.

Twenty-Four Buildings Burned, Causing a Loss of \$75,000—No Water or Light.

Golconda, Ill.—By far the most disastrous fire in the history of Golconda caused a loss of \$75,000 Friday, when 24 buildings were burned. The fire started from a gasoline explosion in the steam laundry over the electric light and water works plant, which was burned. The town is now without fire protection or lights.

Liquid Air Expert Dead.

New York.—It was tardily announced Friday that Charles E. Trippe, of liquid-air fame died Wednesday at a hotel in Liberty, N. Y., from Bright's disease, after an illness of two months. He was born in this city in 1849.

Crazy Man Beats Passenger.

Dallas, Tex.—Francis M. Frantote, a professional marksman was attacked by a crazy man on a Texas & Pacific train, and so badly used up that he was compelled to go to a sanitarium for medical treatment.

Phosphorescent Bats.

A new species of bats has been discovered in South America that have phosphorescent skins, which burn with a terrifying greenish glare at night. In the daytime they look like the ordinary rodent.

The Elks' West.

Afternoon tea is to be served in the Twentieth Street schoolyard. How dainty! Perhaps after awhile our schoolboys will wear frills on their trousers and flaps—Los Angeles Herald.



What Joy They Bring To Every Home

as with joyous hearts and smiling faces they romp and play—when in health—and how conducive to health the games in which they indulge, the outdoor life they enjoy, the cleanly, regular habits they should be taught to form and the wholesome diet of which they should partake. How tenderly their health should be preserved, not by constant medication, but by careful avoidance of every medicine of an injurious or objectionable nature, and if at any time a remedial agent is required, to assist nature, only those of known excellence should be used; remedies which are pure and wholesome and truly beneficial in effect, like the pleasant laxative remedy, Syrup of Figs, manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. Syrup of Figs has come into general favor in many millions of well informed families, whose estimate of its quality and excellence is based upon personal knowledge and use.

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Please to remember and teach your children also that the genuine Syrup of Figs always has the full name of the Company—California Fig Syrup Co.—plainly printed on the front of every package and that it is for sale in bottles of one size only. If any dealer offers any other than the regular Fifty cent size, or having printed thereon the name of any other company, do not accept it. If you fail to get the genuine you will not get its beneficial effects. Every family should always have a bottle on hand, as it is equally beneficial for the parents and the children, whenever a laxative remedy is required.

INVESTMENT IN MOTH BALLS

Manner of Using the Preventive That Proved to Be a Signal Failure.

A State street druggist, telling of the quality characters whom he encounters in his business, recently said: "Late one afternoon one of the 'old sods' ambled up to the counter. 'How you getting on?' he asked. 'I've been good to kill moths,' he asked, 'but I've been bad to kill men.'"

"'Give me tin cints' worth, this,' says he."

"I made up the package, handed it to him, and he ambled out again. I had forgotten all about my customer until about four o'clock the next afternoon, when I was forcibly reminded of the transaction of the day before. After I had waited on my customers in their turn I walked over to another counter and was there confronted with my moth-ball investor. Without giving me time to make an inquiry, he said: 'Are you the young man that sold me them things yistiddy?' showing me the remains of about half a dozen of the white balls."

"I answered in the affirmative, and also inquired what the trouble was."

"I've all the con games I've run up against in my time, but this beats them all," he said. "To think of anyone running a decent down-town store selling the likes of them things to kill moths with, or anything else, for the matter of that. They might be all right for playing marbles, but for killing moths, never. I may not be as young as you are, young man, but I'm just as stiddy, and I want to tell you was thing. If you can show me the man or woman that can throw a can of them balls quick enough to kill a moth I'll not only let you have a can of them balls in stock, but I'll say nothing about the picture of the old woman and myself broke in the funny little game you would have us play."

Mixed.

The Paying Teller (in the Day and Night bank, scrutinizing check)—How'll you have it?

Mr. Lushington—Just the same—on'y don't put so much selzer in it—Puck.

If a woman has a really good husband, the neighbors always say he is bespoken.—N. Y. Mail.

THE DOCTOR'S WIFE Agrees with Him About Food.

A trained nurse says: "In the practice of my profession I have found so many points in favor of Grape-Nuts food that I unhesitatingly recommend it to all my patients."

"It is delicate and pleasing to the palate (an essential in food for the sick) and can be adapted to all ages, being softened with milk or cream for babies or the aged when deficiency of teeth renders mastication impossible. For fever patients or those on liquid diet I find Grape-Nuts and albumen water very nourishing and refreshing. This recipe is my own idea and is made as follows: Soak a teaspoonful of Grape-Nuts in a glass of water for an hour, strain and serve with the beaten white of an egg and a spoonful of fruit juice or flavoring. This affords a great deal of nourishment that even the weakest stomach can assimilate without any distress."

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PREVENTION OF CRUELTY.

"Plain an' Pinted" Duty That Was Not to Be Misunderstood.

Deacon Smith and Deacon Jones were pillars of an Alabama colored country church. One day while storing hay in their employer's barn, Deacon Jones came upon a hen's nest, in which reposed a dozen large, white eggs, relates the American Spectator.

"Now, what us gwine do bout dis hyah?" he demanded.

"Er, reckon we mout take 'em up ter de big house?" Deacon Smith suggested, without enthusiasm.

"Now, how we know dat he'n blong ter Mars Will?" Bro. Jones objected.

"No, sah! Can't take no chance on gibbin' Mars Will some ruther man's eggs!"

"Mout leave dem hyah, den," was the stout reply.

"Now, lookyere, Bro. Smif, Ah's 'prised at yo'. Don't de church teach us ter be kind ter all critters? And don't yo' think dat 'eludes hens? Ef we wuster leave dem aigins hyah, dat po' lil' hen woul' think day warn't 'prected, an' feel bad bout hit. No, sah! Ouh plain an' pinted duty am ter take dem eggs out yonder in dat pine thicket whar nobody won't see de smoke, an' roast 'em."

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